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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Phi Betes,

This has been, without a doubt a most challenging and difficult time for everyone. Your association's officers hope you and yours have been healthy and safe and that we will see the end of the pandemic (or at least a taming) in the months to come. Through this trying time, Phi Beta Kappa Alumni in Southern California (Alpha Association) has responded by continuing its commitment to promoting educational achievement and the pursuit of knowledge by students across the Southland. This past fiscal year, with the support of many members, your association was able to give a total of 18 scholarships, totaling \$33,000.




With the unexpected educational disruptions due to COVID-19, added expense of studying remotely, and apartments and meal plans that went unused, students are more in need than ever. As we look towards the coming fall, I hope you will consider making a donation to PBK; any size is welcome, and all donations go directly to students in the form of annual scholarships. Simply go to <https://www.pbksocalalumni.com/> to donate.

As hard as it is to believe, we gathered in person in relatively large numbers for a variety of fun events not that long ago – and hopefully will again soon. We started with the guided Vault Tour at the Petersen Automotive Museum, where members could step through 120 years of automotive history and view over 250 classic cars so rare and highly prized that they are not part of the general tour. LA being a film capital, the tour included cars belonging to Hollywood celebrities, was especially timely as it coincided with the release of the FORD V FERRARI film, and included five of the cars instrumental to the making of the movie.

Our Young Professionals group focuses on networking opportunities for Phi Betes who have recently graduated and are launching their careers. One such event was our brunch at Pez Cantina in downtown LA where over 30 Phi Betes enjoyed delicious mimosas and tacos while getting to know one another and networking as part of PBK's Key Connections series. If you are a recent grad, we'd love your curiosity, intellect, and drive as part of our Young Professionals group. Please drop me an email (address below) if you are interested in becoming involved!

We then traded earthbound transportation for the stars, with a fascinating talk by Phi Bete Dennis Byrnes, NASA engineer and consultant, who gave his personal retrospective of the Apollo Program on the 50th Anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon Landing. Dennis shared memories of his time as Chief Engineer for Flight Dynamics at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, where he worked on lunar trajectory design for Apollo and the Galileo mission to Jupiter.

The Association was the first chartered in California (hence our name Alpha Association) in 1918. Over a hundred years later, we remain vital and are working to both support scholarship and also bring (now virtual) programming to our members. We hope you join our journey of continued learning, fun, and camaraderie. We would love any suggestions for possible speakers or other virtual experiences and would be eager for more members to become involved with planning the coming year. Please reach out if you'd like to help in any way – we can work together even while we're apart!



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Very best,

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Go Paperless!

Be sure to register on our website www.pbksocalumni.com
for the ease of paying dues, receiving notices promptly, and registering for events online.

Key Connections - Pez Cantina

For recent grads and young professionals

Phi Betes enjoyed a fun brunch and a chance to connect with other young professionals and recent graduates who live in Southern California at Pez Cantina in downtown L.A. It was an opportunity to network, socialize with other Phi Betes, and enjoy delicious mimosas and tacos.



SAVE THE DATE!
Upcoming Key Connection Event



Each fall, a Key Connection event is planned for the purpose of engaging recent graduates and young professionals. Our **2020 Key Connections event** will be on Thursday, October 29th at 6pm. It will be a virtual happy hour with a Halloween costume contest, and a fun way for recent graduates and young professionals to meet, socialize and share ideas about what we can do for our next Young Professionals event. We will also have prizes for the best costumes!

More information will be emailed to recent graduates and young professionals. For questions, contact Helen Lee at pbksocal@gmail.com

The Phi Beta Kappa Society's Key Into Public Service Scholarship

The Phi Beta Kappa Society is offering a Key into Public Service Undergraduate Scholarship for promising arts and sciences students interested in pursuing opportunities in public service. Beginning on November 2, the Society will invite applications from well-rounded liberal arts and sciences students attending a chapter institution who possess an overall GPA of 3.5 or higher with an anticipated graduation date of December 2021 through Spring 2023. Characteristics of ideal recipients include intellectual curiosity, interdisciplinary breadth and depth of arts and sciences coursework, leadership propensity, and service to others. Successful applicants will receive a \$5,000 scholarship and will participate in a required virtual convening featuring career training and mentoring opportunities. Interested students may apply through January 15, 2021, on the Society's website: pbk.org/publicservice.

Key Connections

The PBK Society recognizes how difficult it is for recent graduates to navigate these uncertain times and current economic climate during the pandemic. For this reason, in September, the Society held a virtual national panel discussion, entitled How to Make the Most of Your Liberal Arts Degree, available for viewing on the Society's website: pbk.org/Key-Connections. The panel discussion was moderated by Phi Beta Kappa member and LinkedIn Editor at Large George Anders and featured leading Phi Beta Kappa members from National Geographic, Nike, Spotify, and ad agency Omelet.

Phi Beta Kappa's History

While you're visiting the The Phi Beta Kappa Society's website, be sure to check out the updated material regarding the history of PBK. That page was revised to more critically reflect Phi Beta Kappa's origin and development. You may find it interesting to note that included in the Society's ranks are 17 U.S. Presidents, 41 Supreme Court Justices, and over 150 Nobel Laureates. Take a quick look on pbk.org/History

Mark Your Calendars!



On November 9th, Phi Beta Kappa of SoCal will host a virtual event with professional magician and crossword puzzle creator for the New York Times, David Kwong. A recurring TED Talk speaker, David is known for his intellectual brand of magic, and will bring his sell-out one man show *The Enigmatist* from New York City here to the Geffen in Los Angeles in 2021. But you don't have to wait! Join fellow Phi Betes for an evening of puzzle solving fun as we break into teams and problem solve our way through enigmas and illusions with this award winning cruciverbalist!

Volunteers Needed!

Deepen your connection to Phi Beta Kappa while making new friends. Consider giving a little bit of your time and you will receive much more in return, guaranteed! Join the team by helping with program planning, Young Professionals committee, membership, hospitality, database management, newsletter editing, accounting, fund-raising, website, or social media. Please contact: info@pbksocalalumni.com.

Fall 2019 Program: Petersen Automotive Museum Vault Tour

Last October, Association members and guests were treated to a docent-led tour of the Petersen Museum's exclusive Vault, where they viewed the rare collection of prized vehicles. Some once belonged to Hollywood legends and heads-of-state, and several were used in major motion pictures such as Ford V. Ferrari.

After an extensive \$90 million renovation in 2015, the Petersen Museum's Vault features over 250 vehicles from around the world. Members viewed some of the most iconic and rare cars, motorcycles, and trucks spanning over 120 years of automotive history on the largest guided automotive tour in the United States.



Guests at the Petersen Museum.



One of the many vehicles on display at the Petersen Museum.

Personal Stories and Recollections of the Apollo Program - Dennis Byrne

Last December, Phi Betes in Southern California celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon Landing by joining NASA Engineer and Consultant, Dennis Byrnes (PBK, UC Berkeley 1966) as he shared personal memories of his time working on the Apollo Program, including the nail-biting countdown for the space launch in Houston. Byrnes has served as a NASA consultant since retiring as former Chief Engineer for Flight Dynamics at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena. Byrnes received his BA and MA degrees in Physics and Astronomy and completed course work for the Ph.D. degree in Astronomy specializing in Celestial Mechanics, then joined TRW Systems Group in Houston, to work on lunar trajectory design for the Apollo Program. He joined JPL in 1977 for work on Halley's Comet proposals and what became the Galileo mission to Jupiter. In 1996 he was awarded the NASA Exceptional Engineering Achievement Medal for his work on Galileo trajectory design and navigation.

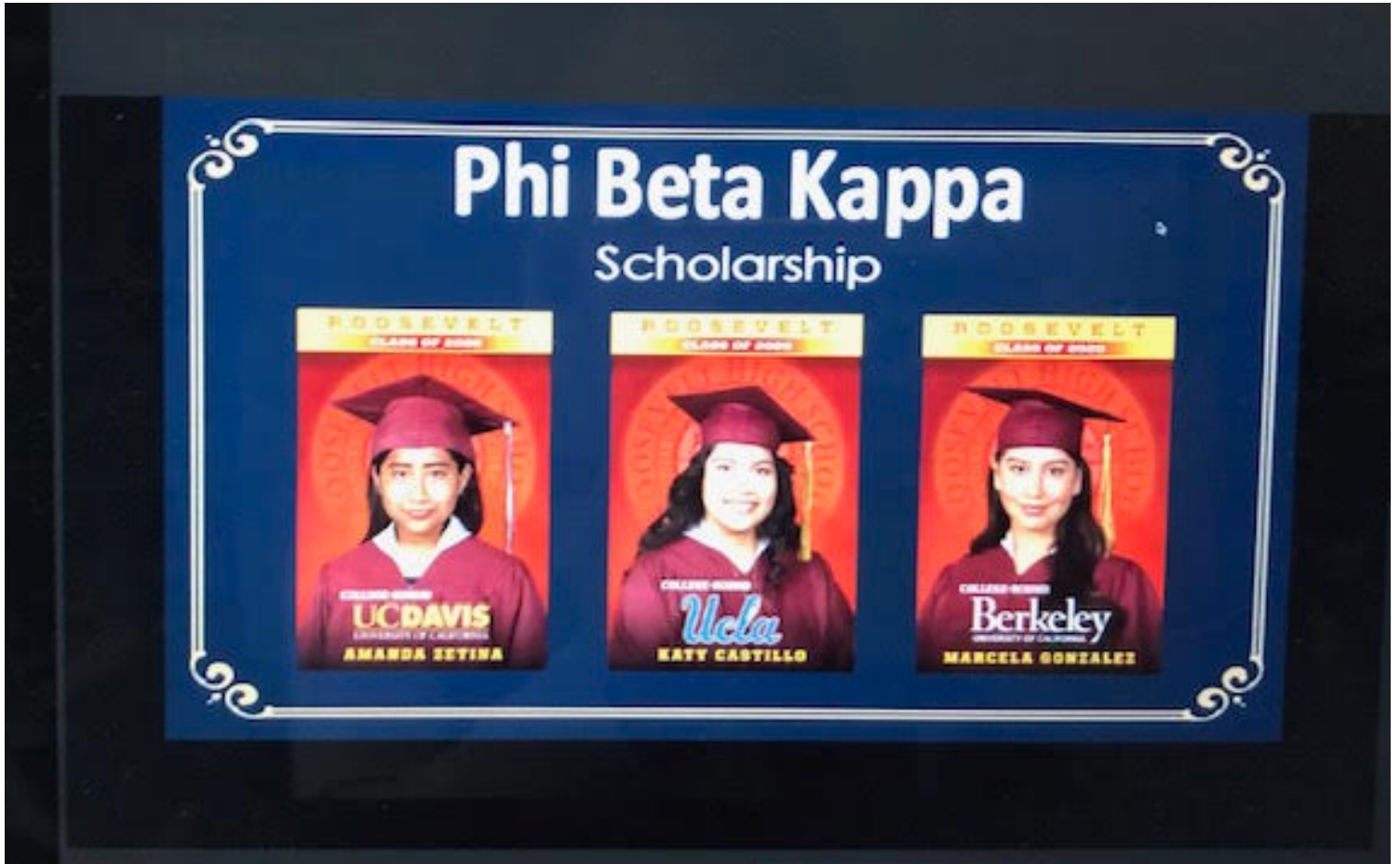


Dennis Byrnes, the guest speaker at the event, and his wife.

Election of Councilors

Because of the pandemic, no annual meeting was held this year. However, the membership voted online and by mail to elect the following Councilors for three-year terms expiring in June 2023: Stefan Kirchanski, Joan Chu Reese, Robert Templeton, Carol Rush, and Michael Kline.

Roosevelt H.S. Scholarship Recipients



Three Roosevelt High School students received the Phi Beta Kappa Alumni in Southern California Scholarship and will be attending UC Davis, UCLA and UC Berkeley in the fall!

Graduate Study Awards

Thanks to your generous donations, Alpha Association has awarded a fellowship for graduate study to one Phi Beta Kappa initiate at each of the 12 member colleges and universities in Southern California. Criteria for selection include academic merit, financial need, community service and plans to attend graduate school during the coming academic year. The Graduate Study Award is in part a recognition of the need to encourage students to attend graduate studies in the humanities, arts, and sciences. While there are no specific limitations placed upon the types of graduate schools for which the recipients receive awards the Association asks that the Chapters include this consideration in their deliberations.



Alondra Cortez

B.A. in Psychology

California State University, Long Beach

Graduate Institution: University of Michigan, Ann Arbor



Harman Brah

B.S. in Biochemistry

Loyola Marymount University

Graduate Institution: University of California San Diego,
School of Medicine



Brandyn Alvarez

B.A. in History

University of Redlands

Graduate Institution: University of Redlands

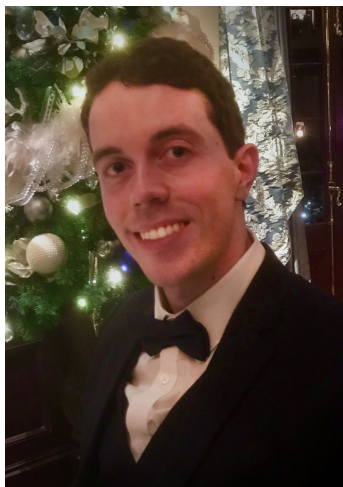


Corinne Tsai

B.A. in Psychology

Pomona College

Graduate Institution: University of Cambridge



Thomas Schwaiger

B.F.A. in Screenwriting and Film Studies

Chapman University

Graduate Institution: Chapman University



Ricardo Acuna

B.S. in Mathematics

University of California, Riverside

Graduate Institution: Washington University, St. Louis



Adelia Nunn

B.A. in Comparative Studies in Literature & Culture

Occidental College

Graduate Institution: Columbia University, Union
Theological Seminary

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available

Jane Hagen

B.A. in Business Economics

University of California, Irvine

Graduate Institution: University of California, Irvine

International Graduate Study Awards



Jawad Fayaz

B.E. in Civil Engineering, R.V. College of Engineering

M.S. in Structural Engineering, University of California, Irvine

Graduate Institution: University of California, Irvine



Marziyeh Kameli

B.A. in English Language and Literature, Azad University of Larestan

M.A. in English, Jyothi Nivas

M.A. in English Literature, University of St. Thomas

Graduate Institution: University of California, Riverside



Kittiyaratch Thanakornmonkkonchai

B.A. in Russian Studies, Thammasat University

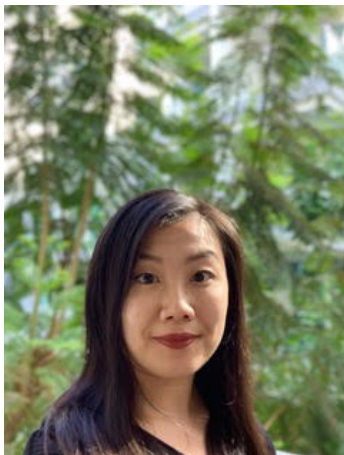
M.A. in International and Development Economics, University of San Francisco

Graduate Institution: Claremont Graduate University



Nathaniel Whitfield

B.F.A. in Fine Art, University of Oxford
Graduate Institution: University of California,
Los Angeles



Ka Lee Wong

B.A. in English, Chinese University of Hong
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Masters of Philosophy in English Literary
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Graduate Institution: University of Southern
California

Honor Roll

In 2019-2020, the following members have made contributions to the Phi Beta Kappa Scholarship funds in excess of membership dues. We thank them for their generous support. These donations enable Alpha Association to assist deserving young scholars in Southern California. Run entirely by volunteers, Alpha Association depends on the talents and enthusiasm of our members.

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